

2011 STUDY RECOMMENDATION(S)

COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT NEEDS

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Individual/Organization	Comment(s)
Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB)	<p>The VACSB is pleased to note the recommendation under Finding #1 which would remove the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Intellectual Disability (ID) sections from the material dealing with mental health disorders. We support this recommendation fully as well as the disclaimer that these conditions are not mental health disorders. As well, the VACSB strongly supports the convening of an Advisory Group to assist with modifying the ASD and ID sections to include best practices in service delivery for developmental disabilities.</p> <p>The VACSB fully recognizes that individuals with ASD and ID can and do have mental health disorders in addition to their developmental condition. In such cases, and Community Services Boards/ Behavioral Health Associations serve many individuals with these conditions and disorders, service delivery becomes even more complex and must be addressed by experienced professionals who have specialized knowledge of behavioral and mental health needs for this challenging population of individuals. The Advisory Group would be able to address these issues as well.</p>
Virginia Network of Private Providers, Inc.	<p>We support all three of the Recommendations for...Finding #1 in the Draft of 10/24/11.</p>